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Baltimore Man Sentenced to 46-Month Prison Term For Traveling From Maryland to D.C. To Have Sex With 13-Year-Old Child

WASHINGTON - Calvin Allen, 25, was sentenced today to 46 months in prison on a charge of traveling interstate to engage in illicit sexual conduct, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., James W. McJunkin, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, and Cathy L. Lanier, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

Allen, of Baltimore, Md., pled guilty to the charge in March 2011 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He was sentenced by the Honorable Reggie B. Walton. Upon completion of his prison term, Allen will be placed on 15 years of supervised release.

According to a factual proffer of evidence presented during the plea hearing, on November 10, 2010, an MPD member of the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force, who was operating undercover, communicated with the defendant by e-mail and instant messenger.

During the course of the communication, Allen expressed interest in meeting an under-aged boy and engaging in sexual contact with the child. Later that same day, Allen traveled from Baltimore to a pre-arranged meeting place in Washington, D.C. He was then arrested.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative and investigated by the FBI/MPD Child Exploitation Task Force, which includes members of the FBI's Washington Field Office and MPD.

Project Safe Childhood is a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as to identify and rescue

victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen, Assistant Director McJunkin, and Chief Lanier commended those who worked on the case from the FBI/MPD Child Exploitation Task Force. They also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney David B. Kent, who is prosecuting this case.

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